

24 July 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT: State's Staff Study of 1 May 1950, transmitted
by Mr. Webb's letter of 7 July 1950


1. The 24 July drafts of a letter to Mr. Webb, transmitting a draft of a new NSCID 1 represent the opinion of the majority. Naturally, we think the COAPS drafts are better, else we would not have written them. However, I'm willing to go along with them, but am not pleased with the two following points in the proposed NSCID 1:

a. In Section II, 2, the delegation in advance of authority to the DCI by the members of the NSC, and

b. In the last paragraph of the directive, the DCI establishing first priority for his requests in the other departments and agencies.

I think both of those points are too unrealistic.

2. I also think that if Mr. Webb proposes his paper as a National Security Council Directive, that our proposal should go in the same way rather than as a substitute for the existing National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 1.


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